

Serv. to wife & Elvira Taylor &c

I have often thought lately of the following
"magnus est veritas et prevalebit"

Samuel Lee

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But while I speak thus playfully
— & who can be sober & speak about that
which is so perfectly ridiculous — still
it is a time of solemn interest with our
Church. The effect of my Letter, & of their no-
ticing what it has done to the Unitarians,
has been to render them "holer as a Lion"
— to encourage them in their attempts to
do good. They meet their opposers with a
much yet assured & self-possession now.
They seem to feel that truth has power & are
not afraid to apply it to any one. They
possess themselves of the truths & arguments
of my Sermon & Letter, & with these feel
as if defended & at the same time sound
with what the enemies of truth cannot
but feel. — But while there is confidence
on the part of my people, the opposite is
true of the other side. Some are "exceeding
mad"; others inquiring what is truth: others
convinced & about ready to abandon the
position they now are in. The spirit of their
last meeting, convinced one more who has
told a member of my Church that he shall leave them
for ever as I need wisdom. your brother S. Lee

counsel at the lips of Esq Adams of Fram-
mingham. Monday evening they met again to
hear his report. All is now hush, & the
inference is that the Esq A. told them to
keep still - that they could get no hold upon
me. But there was not a choice in the
street but could talk with great assurance
about Mr Lee's going to jail, lost weeks.
Immediately after they commenced their
movements, I said - & said where I in-
tercede the remark should get into cir-
culation - that the more knowing part
of them knew they could not touch me;
& that all they intercede by ~~and~~ this noise
was that this Committee should at length
advise Mr C. not to write any more
- not to take any more notice of the
"young man", & thus afford him
a shelter under which he could retreat
from the discussion - ^{and} so what he
must do, but could not do with credit
unless advised to do. [Says grapples!]

One of this Committee was here today
they must do something with me, that I might leave
to keep my place (or to that effect - for all it has any)
perhaps they will give me some help on good manners.

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Phelps

With your review in sight or to success it would be well to have
the entire affair attended to in a pamphlet form for
distribution
in this place
to give (for
the purpose of
the support of
abolition or abolition
intended or when
we are fighting
the battle here
for the region.)
I have thought that if you
were writing a review of my Sermon & Letter
you might be well that you should ^{know} a little of the
state of things here. But I cannot describe it to
you. We are all in an effervescence. Monday
evening seven night Mr C. society held a society
meeting (at which Mr C. himself was present)
for the purpose of considering what could be
done about my Letter, or rather me. They
talked long & emphatic about prosecuting
Mr Lee:— he had called Mr Clarke on
Infidel! (Mr C. by the way had told them,
Sabbath, from the pulpit, that if what I had
said of him were true, they must either dis-
miss their minister or hear an infidel
preach.) At length, after much sage & mad
counsel they appointed a committee of nine
persons of whom but two (I believe) were professed
of religion. [A sort of Ecclesiastical Council!
you see.] That committee met the next eve-
ning & then again I believe on Friday, at which
time they deputed one of their number to ask